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SUBJECT: BULGARIA IMPLEMENTING UNSCR 1747 AND TARGETING
BANK SEPAH ACTIVITY

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Classified By: PolEcon Chief Brad Freden for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

(C) We delivered reftel A and B demarche on 02 April 2007 to the MFA Iran Desk Officer, Mr. Oleg Doichinov. He had no substantive response but said the MFA is very aware of the political importance of effective implementation of UNSCRs 1737 and 1747. We also delivered to Dr. Vasil Kirov, Director of the Bulgarian Financial Intelligence Agency (FIA). The FIA has been very responsive to prior UN and USG designations. Kirov assured us that the additional names and organizations would be shared with the Bulgarian banking sector to search for designee matches. Kirov also added that the FIA has been vigilant for Bank Sepah activity in Bulgaria since early January 2007, when the U.S. Department of Treasury and Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) originally designated the bank as a financial linchpin and supporter of the Iranian WMD proliferation network.
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